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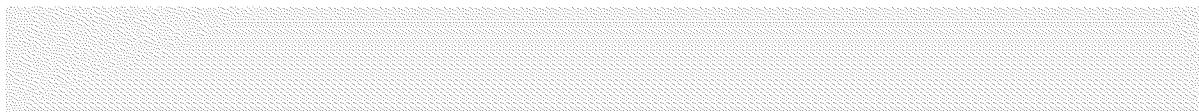
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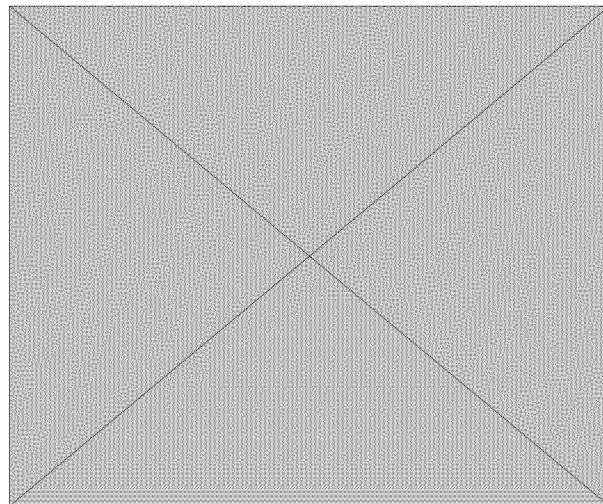
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Time to Fix Patents

// The Economist

Patents are supposed to spread knowledge, but they often fail, because patent lawyers are masters of obfuscation. Instead, the system has created a parasitic ecology of trolls and defensive patent holders, who aim to block innovation, or at least to stand in its way unless they can grab a share of the spoils.

Hackers Cut a Corvette's Brakes Via a Common Car Gadget

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